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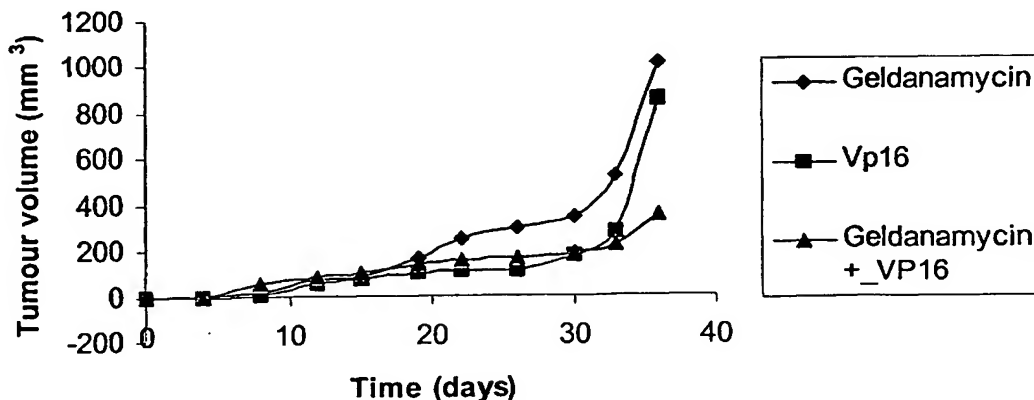
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(54) Title: USE OF TOPOISOMERASE INHIBITORS AND HEAT SHOCK PROTEIN 90 INHIBITORS FOR USE IN CHEMOTHERAPY



(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to the use of a first agent that attenuates Topoisomerase II (Topo II) activity and a second agent that inhibits Heat Shock Protein 90 (HSP90) for use in chemotherapy. The agents are particularly useful in the treatment of cancer and destruction of micro-organisms. The invention also relates to screening methods, diagnostic methods and methods for evaluating or monitoring chemotherapy regimens.

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

2. ☒ Claims Nos.:
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because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this International application, as follows:

1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.

2. ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.

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4. ☐ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

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- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
- ☐ No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

Continuation of Box I.2

Present claim 1 relates to a use of compounds for chemotherapy which are defined by reference to a desirable characteristic or property, namely

- "agent that attenuates Topoisomerase II" and "agent that inhibits Heat Shock Protein 90"

Claims 1,2, 14-25 cover all compounds having this characteristic or property, whereas the application provides support within the meaning of Article 6 PCT only for a very limited number of such compounds. In the present case, the claims so lack support, and the application so lacks disclosure, that a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope is impossible. Independent of the above reasoning, the claims also lack clarity (Article 6 PCT). An attempt is made to define the compounds by reference to a result to be achieved. Again, this lack of clarity in the present case is such as to render a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope impossible. The terms "agent that attenuates Topoisomerase II" and "agent that inhibits Heat Shock Protein 90" are open-ended as they may relate to a large number of possible compounds able to be "agents which attenuate Topoisomerase II" and "agents, which inhibit Heat Shock Protein 90". Therefore the terms "agent that attenuates Topoisomerase II" and "agent that inhibits Heat Shock Protein 90" was searched as "agents, which attenuate Topoisomerase II" and "agents, which inhibit Heat Shock Protein 90", but so far not identified as such. Consequently, the search has been carried out for those parts of the claims which appear to be clear, supported and disclosed, namely those parts relating to the compounds specified on pages 8-18 of the description.

Furthermore, the skilled person is unable to determine unambiguously which regimens fall under the scope of the expression:

- "chemotherapy" in claims 1-17, 26-33

(Consequently, the search has been carried out for those parts of the claims which appear to be clear, supported and disclosed, namely those parts relating to the diseases in claims 18-25).

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims, or parts of claims, relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure.